

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 1:22 PM

Subject: Resources for Veterans and Military Families - July 4

Dear Veterans, Military Families and Supporters,

Please find a number of resources below to benefit veterans and military families. They are not endorsed by my office, just a compilation of programs and services that come across my desk. Please feel free to share and vet according to your needs. If you have any events, programs, job opportunities, etc. that would benefit this group, please forward it to me. If these bulletins have benefited you, a colleague or family member, please share your story with me. Thank you and Happy Independence Day! Lisa

- **Remembering July 4**

Consider the ironic fate of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Both men helped write and revise the Declaration of Independence and were among those who signed it—Jefferson representing Virginia and Adams representing Massachusetts. Jefferson went on to be the second President of the United States, and Adams was the third. Both are Founding Fathers of the United States of America.

And they both died on July 4, 1826—on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration and the birth of our country.

Both men's lives were irrevocably altered by the actions they took in 1776. It is oddly appropriate that we take note of the coincidence of their deaths on the very day most closely identified with the nation they helped to found and to which they dedicated their lives.

It is a day and a celebration inextricably linked with the freedoms that we hold sacred and fundamental to our country. If July 4 was quite literally the day that marked out the lives of Jefferson and Adams, it is at least figuratively the day that encircles each of our own histories, because the freedoms that it represents are the pillars that uphold our society—they define the United States; they are the DNA of all Americans.

Certain of the history that was being written, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, about how the day should be remembered:

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and

Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

So John Adams predicted the varied celebrations that we will have on this July 4 holiday. But leave it to Thomas Jefferson to have the last word. Just two days before his death in 1826, in the last letter he ever wrote, Thomas Jefferson spoke of the importance of the day: "For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."

Happy July 4! Happy Independence Day!

- While you're enjoying the 4th of July holiday with family and friends, please take a moment to remember our brave men and women serving overseas who are unable to spend Independence Day with their family and friends!

*****FREE amusement park tickets, FREE appetizers, FREE Zoo passes and more*****

[Click here to view our growing list of 4th of July Military Discounts, Deals, Specials and Freebies for Active Duty and Military Veterans and your families.](#)

We'd like to remind you that our offices will be closed on Tuesday in celebration of our great country's birthday.

Please celebrate safely and have a very patriotic holiday. Thank you from our entire team at the [Veteran Owned Business Project!](#)

- [Howard County Clarksville and Longfellow Parades tomorrow!](#)
- **Wreath Laying for Colonel Gassaway Watkins, Veteran of the American Revolution and War of 1812 – July 15 at 11am**

On July 15, 2017, at 11:00 AM, Troop 007 of the Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring a memorial wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of Colonel Gassaway Watkins, to honor his military service to the United States of America during the American Revolution and the War of 1812. The gravesite is located at Colonel Gassaway's Farm,

“Walnut Grove” on Sheppard Lane, Clarksville, Maryland. The theme of the memorial wreath laying ceremony is that of “Welcome Home, we have not forgotten.”

The ceremony is open to the public.

Col. Watkins was born in 1752 in Anne Arundel County (now Howard County), Maryland. Upon returning from the War, he built his home at Walnut Grove to meet the needs of his growing family. He again answered his Country’s call and returned to military service in the War of 1812, rising to the rank of Colonel. He died on July 14th, 1840.

Col. Watkins enlisted in Captain Patrick Sim’s Second Company in late January 1776 as an NCO. It was during the Battles of Long Island where the Maryland Brigade in which Watkins served repeatedly launched desperate charges against the British forces. This action provided the bulk of Washington’s troops the time required to withdraw to establish additional defensive positions. As a result of their actions, the Maryland Brigade became known as “The Immortals.”

Reassigned to various Maryland units of the Continental Line throughout the War, he rose to the rank of Captain. He left the service in April of 1783. He returned to military service in the War of 1812.

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- **Wednesday, July 19th "DC Hires Vets"**

In partnership with the District of Columbia Mayor’s Office of Veterans Affairs, the District of Columbia Department of Human Resources (DCHR) on Wednesday, July 19th will host "DC Hires Vets", an event offering veterans the opportunity to participate in professional development workshops and to connect with District and federal agencies as well as private sector companies. Participating agencies and companies will have the opportunity to meet veterans, conduct interviews, and make contingent job offers on the spot.

This hiring event will be open to District agencies, federal agencies, and private sector companies. Please note, there is no associated fee to participate in this event. If your agency or company would like to attend, please complete this registration form.

Who: All veterans are invited to attend. The event is restricted to veterans only.

What: “DC Hires Vets” will offer veterans the opportunity to participate in professional development workshops and to meet directly with District and federal agencies, as well as private sector companies.

Where: D.C. Armory, 2001 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003

When: Wednesday, July 19, 2017; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please contact Justin Chow, Lead Human Resource Specialist, with any questions about this event at 202-442-9747 or justin.chow@dc.gov.

- **Wednesday, July 26th Catalyst Career Group Maritime Conference Center**
11 AM – 3 PM
www.catalystcareergroup.com
692 Maritime Blvd
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
General/Professional
- **Wednesday, July 26th United Career Fairs Sheraton Columbia Town Center**
6 PM
www.unitedcareerfaairs.com
10207 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, MD 21044
Sales
- **Community Job Fair**
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Club Meade
6600 Mapes Road

Ft. Meade, MD 20755

[Flier](#)

- **Veteran Job Fair**
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Club Meade
6600 Mapes Road
Ft. Meade, MD 20755
[Flier](#)

- **Howard County Chamber of Commerce Events**

[July 18](#) – **GovConnects** BizBreakfast will feature CAPT Ed Devinney and COL Matthew Dunlop, Ph.D. from U.S. Cyber Command.

August 3, 2017 - Elected Officials Meet & Greet at La Palapa Grill & Cantina

August 16, 2017 - Power Breakfast with the Central MD Chamber - Save the Date

August 17, 2017 - YPN Celerate Series - Save the Date

- **Veterans Interested in Welding**

Strive—Washington, DC @ [202.484.1264](tel:202.484.1264). Jobs Available. Please call. Also, for those veterans interested in Welding call the Southeast Welding Academy @ [202.724.2337](tel:202.724.2337). I believe its paid training but I can't remember.

- [Job for Maryland Veterans](#)
- **[TALMAR'S BREAKING NEW GROUND PROGRAM](#): A VETERANS-TO-FARMER'S TRAINING PAID APPRENTICESHIP AND LAND LOTS FOR VETERANS**

PARKVILLE, MD June 26, 2017: **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 7th**

The Baltimore Regional Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is now compensating disabled veterans while they train at our non-profit Therapeutic Alternatives of Maryland (TALMAR's) Breaking New Ground program. Veterans looking for a path to

employment can contact their nearest vocational rehabilitation counselor to gain full admittance into our program, using Chapter 31 benefits. Veterans can take this training at no out-of-pocket costs and receive paid compensation throughout the program's duration. Those interested in the following should contact TALMAR as soon as possible
THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, JULY 7th:

- Start your own agri-business career and gain financial stability
- Completion of our training provides:
 - Organic certification
 - Up to 9,000 sq ft of your own farm parcel
 - o 1-year of follow-up/mentorship
 - 10-month USDA-aligned curriculum teaches everything you need to know about organic farming:
 - Vegetables, crops and plants
 - Livestock and plants
 - Organic certification, laws, and rules
 - Alternatives to pesticides
 - Marketing strategies for selling your produce
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Call 410-825-2020 or Email tracyhauser@talmar.org

www.talmar.org

- [Two Marines Moving](#) exclusively hires from the Veteran Community. If you are current or prior military, motivated, and dedicated...then they're looking for you!

Two Marines Moving was named three times to Inc.magazine's list of fastest growing/privately held companies in America. The Company provides a range of services related to moving. Services include local and long distance relocation's, serving residential and commercial clients, and providing short and long term storage solutions. At Two Marines Moving, they differentiate themselves from other players in the industry by operating with unquestionable integrity, moving with a purpose, and following through on their commitments.

Team Member Positions Available:

- Mover (15 openings)
- Driver (5 openings)
- CDL Driver (3 openings)
- Moving Consultant (1 Opening)
- Dispatcher (1 Opening)

Employment Classifications:

- Full Time (40 hours per week with flexibility to chose the days)
- Part Time (Flex Schedule for students available)
- Weekend Only (Active duty? Earn extra money on the weekends)
- Transitional (Used as a bridge between employments)
- Contractor (Available in the lower 48 states to perform unload of long distance moves)

Benefits:

- Work with like-minded veterans
- Competitive Hourly Rate (\$15-\$27/hour)
- Health Care Stipend after 90 days of full time employment
- Bonuses offered for safe driving record/Weekend Bonus Pay/After Action Report Bonus
- Opportunities for advancement in a fast growing company

Eligibility Requirements: Marine, Army, Navy, Air-Force, Coast Guard and first responders

Two Marines Moving has completed over 20,000 moves and has earned a 5 star reputation over their last 8 years in business. They're looking for team players that are committed to their mission, taking care of their clients, and being part of a group that seeks to be the best at what they do.

Find out more information by visiting their web-site and completing an application.

Apply Here - <http://www.twomarinesmoving.com/apply>

Learn More Here - <http://www.twomarinesmoving.com/join-our-team>

Email your resume to – Stasha@twomarinesmoving.com

- **Frito-Lay Recruitment**

[Click HERE to be directed to our careers site](#)

Position Title: Packaging Machine Operator

Location: Aberdeen, Maryland

Full Time: Yes

Pay Type: Hourly

Starting Hourly Rate (if applicable): \$25.21/hr

Starting Salary Rate (weekly, if applicable): \$

Job Description:

The Packaging Machine Operator is responsible for setting up and operating assigned packaging machines and statistical weighers, in order to pack the optimum number of quality packages of product.

Job Description:

1. Set-up and operate multiple packaging machines to ensure accurate code dates and weights and that the correct product is put into correct bags.
2. Ensure that each bag is properly coded, dated and sealed with a minimum amount of wasted product and supplies.
3. Responsible for ensuring that the product to be packed remains clean.
4. Keeps assigned machines and area clean and safe.
5. Perform basic preventative maintenance on packaging machines, to include cleaning and changing knives/blades, pull-belts, tape machines, and rollers
6. Clean and sanitize lines during changeovers from one product to another
7. Responsible for inspection of conveyors and scales prior to line start-up and changeovers
8. Will be required to clean using chemicals and protective gear
9. Other duties as assigned
10. Overtime may be required

Requirements:

1. Must be capable of lifting up to 50 lbs from floor to waist.
2. Must have at least 1 year of packaging machine operator experience in a high-speed manufacturing environment.
3. Must have excellent communication skills and ability to communicate with co-workers at all levels.
4. Must be able to read and write English.
5. Potential allergens can be: parmesan, garlic, salt, particular oils (i.e. sunflower).
6. Must be able to work in a warm environment.
7. Must have the capability to stand while at work station(s).
8. Must be capable of climbing stairs.
9. Must be capable of cleaning with chemicals using protective gear.
10. Preferred 1 year of continuous employment

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability status.

PepsiCo (Frito Lay) is an equal opportunity employer.

Minorities/Females/Disability/Protected Veteran/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

- **VA to Open Mental Health to OTH Veterans: Effective July 5,** former service members with other-than-honorable (OTH) administrative discharges may receive care for their mental health emergency for an initial period of up to 90 days, which can include inpatient, residential or outpatient care. “Suicide prevention is my top clinical priority,” said VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin. “We want these former service members to know there is someplace they can turn if they are facing a mental health emergency — whether it means urgent care at a VA emergency department, a Vet Center or through

the Veterans Crisis Line.” Any veteran in crisis should call the Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255 (press 1), or text 838255. [Read more on the care expansion.](#)

- **Reading of Names at The Wall: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund** is hosting the Reading of the Names of the 58,318 servicemen and women inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The reading is part of the special activities planned this November to commemorate the 35th anniversary of The Wall. The Reading of the Names will take place for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning after an opening ceremony on **Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m.** [Learn more or volunteer to read a name.](#)

8. VFW Calls on Vietnam Veterans for Help: The VFW is calling on Vietnam veterans to search their wartime memorabilia for any artifacts that might help Vietnam to determine the fate of its estimated 300,000 MIAs. Being requested are photos and sketch maps of battle sites or burial locations, as well as personal artifacts that may contain names, family photos and personal letters. No weapons, please! Veteran-to-veteran initiatives generate goodwill and further assist the U.S. government’s efforts to investigative and recover Americans missing from the war. Please mail your memorabilia to Joe Davis, VFW Washington Office, 200 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Everything collected will be turned over to the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington.

- [Howard County Aging in Place Tax Credit Eligibility](#) - homeowners can use the county’s new Credit Eligibility Calculator to determine if they qualify for the tax reduction, explore all available tax credits and download application forms and relevant information regarding the application and screening processes for each of these credits, all in one easy-to-use site.
- [Howard County 50+ Monthly Newsletter](#)
- Howard County Diversity Day – Oct 4 Entertainers and Vendors WANTED!
If you know someone who has a particular talent and would be interested in performing at Diversity Day, please contact Nkechi Animashaun at nanimashaun@howardcountymd.gov.
If you know someone who has a unique ethnic art, crafts or goods that could be sold at Diversity Day, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/diversityday for a Vendor Booth request form. Tables are FREE of charge, but are limited in availability.
For questions, please contact Margery Sayers at msayers@howardcountymd.gov

- [Redneck Adventures](#) - Redneck Adventures is all about getting into the outdoors to help showcase, inspire, and entertain those who may need a little extra help doing so. Redneck Adventures is all about helping those who may not be able to experience the wonder and glory of the outdoors, do just that! From cancer patients, to children from broken homes, to soldiers suffering from PTSD!
- [Home With Heroes](#) - Home with Heroes was founded in 2011 with one goal: to say thank you. Inspired by a friend's service to country, the organization has evolved into a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. Each year, we provide over 150 veterans with unforgettable outdoor experiences in hunting, fishing and building community. Learn more, volunteer, donate or nominate a veteran.
- [VFW Weekly Newsletter](#)
- **To receive regional employment openings and opportunities, email [James Tharpe](#)**
- James C. Tharpe
Army Readiness Specialist: MD
Private Public Partnership (P3)
DoD Contractor (Sektor Solutions, Inc.)
John E. Smathers Reserve Center
2118 Annapolis Rd.
Fort Meade, MD 20755
Office: 301 833-6817
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- **Chautauqua 2017: Voices from the Great War**

Join us for **FREE** living history performances featuring three figures from the World War I era:

General John Pershing, W.E.B. Du Bois, President Woodrow Wilson

Events take place **July 5-14** in all regions of Maryland.

For information about locations, dates, and times, go to the Maryland Humanities [website](#).

- [NAMI FALL 2017 PEER TO PEER CLASS](#)

NAMI Howard County is pleased to announce our Fall 2017 Peer to Peer 5 week course scheduled for the following time period:

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 8th-September 7th

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location will be given to those who are registered for the class after completing a brief participant info questionnaire by phone.

WALK-IN's will not be accepted

- If you or someone you know are living with a mental health condition or disorder and are interested in registering for this educational recovery course, please contact us at info.namihc@gmail.com or call the office at 410-772-9300.

*Please note: Person living with the mental health condition must call or email to register him/herself for the course.

I have attached a fact sheet to provide more information about the course. Please call soon because the class fills up quickly!

Alikah M. Adair, Family & Consumer Program Manager

- **NAMI Howard County** is pleased to announce **our Fall 2017 Family to Family** course scheduled for the following time period:

When:

Thursdays beginning September 7th-November 30th

(no class 11/23-Thanksgiving Day)

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location will be given to those who are registered for the course after completing a participant registration form which will be emailed.

WALK-IN's will not be accepted...

The course is open to all caregivers of adults living with mental illness. The course is taught by trained NAMI family members who have relatives with mental illness.

Everyone is a valued participant. Please email aadair.namihc@gmail.com if interested in taking this educational and life-changing course or call the office @ 410-772-9300.

- **NAMI Howard County** is pleased to announce our Fall 2017 **six week Basics course** scheduled for the following time period:

When: **Monday, September 18, 2017 - Monday, October 23, 2017**

Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm

The class is taught by trained family members whose children experience mental health challenges.

So, if you are a parent or caregiver of people younger than 22 who are experiencing mental health challenges, please call the office at 410-772-9300 to register for this FREE class.

- **Cohort III of the Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart program** is now enrolling.

If you are a Veteran interested in starting your own Small Business, please read below.

Cohort III of the Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart (VEJ) program is now scheduled for **October 14-22, 2017**. It will be held on the Saint Joseph's University campus in Philadelphia, PA.

VEJ is designed to provide our Veterans with the training, skills and services necessary to start their own small business.

This program is provided at No Charge to all Honorably Discharged Veterans, regardless of disability status. We accept veterans from all over the country.

Also eligible are Active Duty personnel, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserves.

Veterans Entrepreneurial Jumpstart (VEJ): This free program is a product of Saint Joseph's University. Delivered in three phases: Phase I (August-September) consists of an online self-study program designed to provide a foundation in business fundamentals and develop a draft business plan; Phase II (October 14-22) is a nine-day on campus residency at St. Joe's, complete with guest lecturers, panel discussions, one-on-one mentoring, and social outings, culminating in a "shark tank" presentation by all veterans and a graduation dinner and awards ceremony; Phase III (November 2017 to May 2018) is the execution component, and consists of in-kind services ranging from website

development to accounting assistance to legal support, as well as the use of a mentor. This program and suite of services is provided at No Charge to all enrolled Veterans.

The application process has begun, and enrollment is available through our website:

www.sju.edu/vej

For more information, please call me at any time.

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- **Identifying Defense Contracting Opportunities for Maryland Businesses**

MD Dept. of Commerce is committed to assisting Maryland's defense-dependent contractors through the creation of the Maryland Defense Network (MDN), an online resource and data tool, and a new program, the Maryland Defense Diversification Assistance (MDDA) program that will begin this fall/winter. The first iteration of the Maryland Defense Network is live [here](#) and you can sign up/create an account to access Maryland defense contracting data and businesses. Future enhancements that will support, grow, and diversify Maryland defense contracting firms will be coming at the end of 2018.

Please see the [flier](#) promoting the current features of the MDN.

More information on the MDDA is forthcoming as we design the program guidelines, but it will contain training and consulting assistance for defense dependent contractors interested in diversifying to new (non-DoD) domestic, commercial or foreign markets to mitigate adverse impacts from loss of contracts/grants or from DoD budget fluctuations. If you are a company interested in diversification support, please reach out to John Stovall, Defense Industry Outreach Coordinator.

- [Uncommon Coders is an accelerated programming 12-Week Boot Camp for Veterans](#)

The Dept. of Community Resources and Services Office of Veterans and Military Families (DCRS/OVMF) does not endorse the organizations sponsoring these events, the views they express or the products/services they offer. The information serves as a DCRS/OVMF

community outreach effort. If you wish to unsubscribe, please email lbterry@howardcountymd.gov

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The Department of Community Resources and Services provides vital human services through its offices of ADA Coordination, Aging and Independence, Children and Families, Community Partnerships, Consumer Protection, Local Children's Board, and Veterans and Military Families.

The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families (OVMF) provides guidance, information and access to the more than 20,000 veterans who live in Howard County, as well as their dependents and survivors, and military families. The OVMF also promotes activities for veterans of all ages and collaborates with other service providers to address more complex issues.

Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/vetcomm>

Department of Community Resources and Services Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/HoCoCommunity/>

Commission for Veterans and Military Families Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/HocoMilitary/>

Reserved Veteran Parking Initiative

Honor veterans living and working in Howard County by installing a Reserved Veteran Parking sign at your place of business or in honor of a loved one.

http://www.howardchamber.com/chamber_information/veteran_parking_sign_initiative.aspx

